

BONHOMME RICHARD'S ALMANAC

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I have not yet begun to fight!"



SHIP GETS BRAVO ZULU FROM CINCPACFLT

From Rear Adm. A. G. Harms, Jr.

Please accept my personal thanks for a job well done during ESPN's recent visit to USS BONHOMME RICHARD. Your Sailors and Marines performed superbly and showed the ESPN crew, including two former NFL quarterbacks, the importance of our Navy/Marine Corps team. You also did a wonderful job highlighting the superb quality-of-life value that Direct-To-Sailor television has for our underway forces. The spell-out of "Aloha" and "XXXIV" on the flight deck was a special bonus.

I am sure that the ESPN crew will long remember their visit to your great ship, and willingly remind Americans everywhere of your many contributions to the peace and security of our nation and allies around the world!

Thanks again for a first-class visit and our blessings for a safe deployment.

HACKER MAY HAVE STOLEN CARD NUMBERS

By Associated Press

Real Names, a company that sells Website operators keywords to help Internet users find long online addresses, says hackers may have stolen passwords and credit card numbers.

Company officials aren't sure whether the hacker actually obtained the credit card numbers. Computer logs indicate that someone tried several times, Chief Executive Officer Keith Teare said Friday. Real Names has noticed the FBI and credit card companies. About one-third of Real Names' 50,000 corporate customers, which include Women.com and eBay, pay with credit card, the company said. The credit card numbers of people who shop on sites that use Real Names' technology were not in jeopardy.

The hacking incident is unrelated to this week's attacks on Yahoo, eBay and other major Web sites. But the disclosure comes just weeks after CDUniverse, popular online music retailer, said hackers stole up to 350,000 credit card numbers from its computers.

Last month, Pacific Bell asked users to change their passwords after hackers stole 60,000 of its passwords and broke into more than two dozen other Internet service providers, businesses and schools. Teare said Real Names didn't scramble the credit card numbers on its own computers because they were thought to be secured behind a firewall. The company has installed a second firewall and encoded the numbers.

MCCAIN PULLS BACK ATTACK By Associated Press

John McCain is pulling back his negative campaign ads. Advisers say the attacks focusing on rival George W. Bush have hurt the McCain campaign. Mccain has asked Bush to follow suit, but the Texas governor says it's just a ploy.

MCCAIN POLLS SHOW DOUBLING SUPPORT AMONG REPUBLICANS

By Associated Press

Eight days before the South Carolina primary, polls show that John McCain has just about doubled his support among Republicans nationwide since December, eating into a commanding lead by George W. Bush. Polls from both CBS and Fox show that McCain is supported by nearly a third of republicans, with Bush slipping to slightly more than 50 percent. In December, CBS found Bush led McCain 64-to-16 percent, while Fox had the race at 65-to-14.

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INSPECTION OF TWELVE HUNDRED PLANES ORDERED

By Associated Press

The National Transportation Safety Board says a total of six aircraft, including the one that crashed, had unusual metal shavings in their tail wing assemblies. The Federal Aviation Administration ordered the inspections of about 12-hundred planes after the probe of last week's crash began to focus on the plane's horizontal stabilizer device.

INVESTIGATORS TRACK EQUIP-MENT USED IN WEB SITE ATTCKS

By Associated Press

Investigators have tracked some of the equipment used in this week's attacks against major commercial web sites to two California universities. They say there's no indication that anyone at Stanford or the University of California, Santa Barbara was involved.

* MONDAY SITE TV SCHEDULE *

CHANNEL 2
1030 DREW CAREY
100 FLUBBER
1630 PENSACOLA: WINGS OF GOLD
1730 JEOPARDY
1800 WALKER, TEXAS RANGER
1900 SOUL TRAIN
2000 THE SHINING
2200 KUNDUN

CHANNEL 6

1030 TWO GUYS, A GIRL AND SOMEONE BETTER
1100 CAN'T HARDLY WAIT
1630 I RON EAGLE I V
1800 THE BOXER
2000 GOOD WILL HUNTING
2200 HORSE WHI SPERER

NATIONAL/ INTERNATIONAL NEWS

ASTRONAUTS' MISSION BEGINS

By Associated Press

The "Endeavour" astronauts have begun their main mission, making the finest map ever of the earth's surface. Early Saturday radar on board the shuttle began scanning the earth, using two antennas, one on the end of a 200-foot long mast extending from the shuttle cargo bay.

It took 17 minutes to extend the mast, the longest rigid structure ever deployed in space. The mapping began about 12 hours after the shuttle was launched from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. NASA and its partner, the National Imagery and Mapping Agency, hope to map more than 70 percent of Earth's terrain by the end of the eleven-day flight, as far north as Hudson Bay and as far south as Cape Horn.

GI SHOT IN LEG

By Stars and Stripes

A U.S. soldier deployed in Kosovo was shot in the back of the leg Friday night while near one of the camp's guard towers. Army officials said Saturday there is no reason to think American soldiers are being targeted.

"The investigation is leaning toward it being an accident," said Army Maj. Debra Allen, spokesperson for Task Force Falcon. "There's no evidence of it being hostile action."

Security forces scoured the area and searched surrounding homes Friday night after the wounded soldier reported the shooting. They found nothing and reported no hostile activity in the area. Authorities are checking "All possibilities, including the possibility of the accidental discharge of a weapon."

EQUIPMENT USED TO ATTACK WEB SITES FOUND IN CALIFORNIA

By Associated Press

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WE'LL MISS YOU CHARLIE BROWN New York Daily News

Aaugh! Charles Schulz has drawn his final "Peanuts" Sunday comic strip. "I have been fortunate to draw Charlie Brown and his friends for almost 50 years," Schulz pens in his last cartoon, a montage capturing some of the laughs and pratfalls of his quirky characters.

"It has been the fulfillment of my childhood ambition." The creator of Snoopy, Charlie Brown, Linus, Lucy and the gang has been enjoying a long farewell from the funny pages, but his final cartoon will appear in Sunday's editions. In his farewell cartoon, a contemplative Snoopy sits atop his doghouse, a typewriter waiting by his paws. The sky is dotted with the best of Peanuts: Charlie " Aaugh! " Brown screaming, getting bonked on the head by a ball and Snoopy battling the Red Baron in a leather fighter pilot helmet and goggles.

"Unfortunately, I am no longer able to maintain the schedule demanded by a daily comic strip," writes Schulz, 77, who is battling colon cancer.

SPORTS

WOODS LURKING NEAR LEAD

By Associated Press

He's not leading, but he's lurking. Tiger Woods rallied with five birdies on the back nine to shoot a 4 under 68 to trail the leaders by six shots after 36 holes of the Buick Invitational. Woods is trying for his seventh straight win on the PGA tour. Woods said after the round, "Right now, I'm not too bad." For a while it looked like Woods might miss the cut, which hasn't happened for 46 straight tournaments. But his back-nine rally kept his hopes alive. Last year at this tourney, Woods was eight back after two rounds and finished with rounds of 62 and 65 to win. This year's 36-hole leaders are Phil Mickelson, Kirk Triplett and Shigeki Maruyami, who are at elevenunder 133.

CARRUTH FINDS ALIBI

By Associated Press

For the first time, Carolina Panthers wide receiver Rae Carruth has offered an alibi for the fatal shooting of his pregnant girl friend, Cherica Adams. In court papers filed in the case, Carruth says he was on the phone and miles away from the murder scene last November. His cell-phone records were filed in connection with the case to back up Carruth's alibi.

NHL SCORES:

NY RANGERS 5 BOSTON 2
OTTAWA 5 FLORI DA 3
SAN JOSE 3 ATLANTA 0
EDMONTON 2 PI TTSBURGH 2(OT)
LOS ANGELES 3 DALLAS 2

TOM LANDRY, LONG TIME COACH OF DALLAS COWBOYS, DEAD AT 75

By JAIME ARON, AP Sports Writer

Tom Landry, the Dallas Cowboys coach who led America's Team to five Super Bowls and paced the sidelines for three decades wearing a stone face, business suit and his famous fedora, died Saturday. He was 75.

Landry had been undergoing treatment since May for acute myel-ogenous leukemia. He died at Baylor University Medical Center about 6 p.m. CST, surrounded by his family.

Landry, who coached the Cowboys for their first 29 years, won two Super Bowls with star quarterback Roger Staubach. His 270 victories are more than any NFL coach except Don Shula and George Halas.

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue praised Landry as "the NFL at its best."

"He will always rank as one of the all-time great coaches and as an architect of one of the most successful teams in sports history," he said. "He will be remembered for many special reasons, including his record as a coach, the innovations he brought to our game, and the personal integrity he displayed."

Landry considered those innovations his greatest contribution. His legacy continued through the coaches he produced, including Atlanta's Dan Reeves and former New Orleans coach Mike Ditka.

"He shaped my philosophy on everything," Reeves said Saturday night. "I followed his philosophy on football and how he handled himself on and off the field."

Owner Jerry Jones, described him as "the single most important figure in the history of this franchise."